(c) the efforts made by the Government for its early recovery ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) to (c) Dues of Indian companies in respect of projects undertaken in Iraq and dues under the Exim Bank Lines of Credit extended to Iraq as on 30th April, 1991 amount to US $ 614·52 million including principal and interest. Continuing efforts for recovery of dues are going on with the Deferred Payment Arrangements having started since 1983. Dues covered under the Deferred Payment Arrangements ($453·22 million) as per the last Agreement of March, 1990 with the Government of Iraq, are to be paid by 1996.

After economic sanctions against Iraq are lifted, contact will be enhanced with the Iraqi authorities to work out the modalities for realisation of the dues under the Defferred Payment Arrangements as well as others.

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Financial Assistance to Ex-Servicemen

2456. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise number of ex-servicemen or their dependents who have received financial assistance under the various schemes for the welfare of ex-servicemen during the last three years and the amount thereof; and

(b) the steps being taken to make the district and State level Sainik Boards more competent and effective?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) The State-wise number of ex-servicemen or their dependents who have received financial assistance under the various schemes for the welfare of ex-Servicemen during the last three years and the amount thereof are given in the statement.

(b) Rajya Sainik Boards/Zila Sainik Boards function directly under the administrative control of the State Governments/Union Territories. A Committee was set up by the Government of India in 1979 to go into the functioning of these bodies and make suitable recommendations for revitalising them. This Committee had made certain recommendations which were accepted by the Government of India and forwarded to the State Governments/Union Territories for implementation. Some of the important recommendations made by this Committee for revitalising these Boards were :—

(i) Setting up separate Zila Sainik Boards by the concerned State/Territory Government if the population of ex-Servicemen and families of serving/deceased Service personnel is 7,500 or more.

(ii) Laying down uniform staffing pattern for the Zila Sainik Boards.

(iii) Reviewing the existing staff of the Rajya Sainik Boards by the concerned States, as per their norms.

(iv) Giving status of Class-I gazetted officers to the Secretaries of the Zila Sainik Boards and declaring them as Heads of Office.

(v) Provision of office telephone with the Zila Sainik Boards/Rajya Sainik Boards.

(vi) Provision of official transport to Secretaries of Rajya Sainik Boards.

It has been reported that most of these recommendations have since been accepted and implemented by the State Governments/Union Territories.

Statement

Total of Financial assistance under various schemes to ex-servicemen and their dependents

States/Union Territories	1988-89		1989-90		1990-91	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Andhra Pradesh	68	2,78,390	57	1,38,242	138	4,45,283
Assam	1	100	2	2,730	1	660
Bihar	61	1,02,939	81	1,27,330	133	2,78,464
Gujarat	5	1,540	5	1,150	4	600
Haryana	97	66,706	123	1,04,470	149	2,58,123
Himachal Pradesh	42	58,280	37	60,813	63	1,58,091
Jammu & Kashmir	38	64,910	83	1,14,220	50	1,27,900
Kerala	35	37,370	51	68,510	42	1,38,424
Karnataka	63	1,04,427	75	2,24,955	74	1,89,460
Madhya Pradesh	203	3,29,645	175	3,41,701	233	5,04,858
Maharashtra	104	2,51,813	243	6,93,523	—120	4,49,966
Manipur	1	2,000	1	600	3	2,700
Meghalaya	39	54,050	18	81,760	8	9.860
Nagaland	..	..	1	300	..	..
Orissa	8	1,870	4	5,900	2	2,450
Punjab	53	27,145	75	51,470	46	1,35,285
Rajasthan	45	44,980	38	27,345	27	13,710
Sikkim	2	1,380	..	..	1	720
Tamil Nadu	135	1,81,940	103	1,67,605	102	2,81,270
Uttar Pradesh	473	11,82,407	476	8,35,855	430	14,63,734
West Bengal	23	99,034	22	56,960	15	85,530
Chandigarh	1	220	1	4,800	1	24,909
Delhi	122	2,63,472	149	3,88,201	115	2,75,692

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Performance of Nationalised Banks

2457. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of capital invested in the nationalised banks at present; and

(b) the details of their profit and loss during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) The paid up capital of 20 nationalised banks as at the end of March, 1991 aggregates to Rs. 2800·86 crores.

(b) The details of profits and losses of the nationalised banks for the last three years as per their published accounts are given in enclosed statement.